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FM, 2 AM Stations In College Network

Inter College Radio Network (ICRN) is comprised of two AM radio stations and one FM station.

WCCT, which operates on 540 kc on the AM dial, is supported by Clarkson College and has a music policy similar to an FM type broadcasting. It also broadcasts all Clarkson Hockey games. WNTC, operating on 640 kc on the AM dial, is supported by Potsdam State and is primarily a pace station similar to WKBW Buffalo broadcasting popular music, all State basketball games and some State and Clarkson baseball games. These stations serve only the college campuses. WTSC-FM, operated exclusively by Clarkson on a frequency of 91.9 mc on the FM dial, serves all of Potsdam and some outlying districts.

ICRN is operated by students who show interest in college radio. It receives support from the Student Council of Clarkson College, the Lewis House Board of Clarkson's College Union, the SGA of State University College at Potsdam, and from commercial advertizing, both local and national. Offices and studios are located mostly at Snell Hall and in Hamlin House on the Clarkson campus.

The staff includes Gary Heyer, network president; Dick Place, network technical director; Bob Stolte, network executive secretary; Ken Kaufman, station manager of WCCT and WTSC-FM; Jack Smith, Station manager of WNTC; Harry Blish, program director; Stan Skinner, sports director; and Mr. John Carney, advisor.

WNTC was first formed in 1947 at Clarkson College by Potsdam State students. WCCT originated in Clarkson dormitories by men who contributed a great deal of work and money to the station. In February of 1961 it was put into competition with WNTC. The ICRN merged the two independent stations into a network in May of 1962. This combined the business, technical, and secretarial departments of both stations.

During July, 1963, after necessary construction and testing was completed, Clarkson College filed application with the FCC for a station license. WTSC-FM now licensed, will start regular scheduled programing soon.

ICRN is now the largest joint standing organization between Clarkson and State and is also the best functioning one. It is also the largest single endeavor of either campus, drawing good representation from both campuses.

Jack Smith, station manager for WNTC, would like a reapportionment in the SGA budget since the ICRN, the largest organization on campus, is the smallest item in the SGA budget.

ICRN maintains its own stock of records ranging from classical to popular, rock and roll, jazz, dance, and modern folk music. Both stations bring sports, news, information, and special programing such as dances and other events to their listeners. The network is a powerful organization since many junctions advertised by them are well attended.

Smith would like to see WNTC broadcast twelve hours a day or more this year. He believes that the station can start at eight a.m. and run through the day. Total working time of all members of ICRN is 200 hours per week. Therefore, it needs many students who are interested and willing to work.

Positions are open to people in all facets of writing, secretaries, cataloguers, typists, stenographers, line engineers, studio engineers, transmitter engineers, studio maintenance engineers, and remote engineers. Announcing positions are also available. The station is now comprised mostly of men; there are four women on the staff, two of whom are on the air.

"Experience one gains by working in this staff," says Smith, "can result in good paying summer work. In fact, several workers on the staff have gone on to commercial stations in Buffalo and other places in the State. The ICRN is competition for any commercial radio station."